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SUPPLEMENTAL PETITION

Now comes supplemental petitioner, The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company ("BNSF") by its attorneys, Kenneth J. Wysoglad & Associates and for its supplemental petition requests that the Illinois Commerce Commission enter a supplemental order granting BNSF additional time to and including July 23, 2004 in which to complete the work required to be performed by BNSF pursuant to the October 23, 2002 order entered by the Illinois Commerce Commission in the above captioned cause. In support of its supplemental petition, BNSF states as follows:

1. Pursuant to Stipulated Agreement entered into by and between BNSF, the Illinois Commerce Commission ("Commission") and Illinois Department of Transportation ("IDOT"), on October 23, 2002 the Commission entered its order in the above captioned cause directing the renewal of the existing crossbuck signs in accordance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and installation of yield signs mounted on the crossbuck sign posts at approximately 140 at grade crossing locations as enumerated in the

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- Stipulated Agreement. All of the work required by the terms of the aforesaid stipulated agreement and order was to be completed by October 23, 2003. (Exhibit I)
- BNSF is currently in the process of proceeding with the installation of renewed crossbuck signs and installation of yield signs at various single track crossings as enumerated in the Stipulated Agreement and Order.
- 3. BNSF has requested to be relieved from certain of the dimensional requirements of Exhibit C to the Stipulated Agreement with respect to the sign installation at the multiple track crossing locations. BNSF is currently working with the Railroad Staff of the Commission to establish a test location for the installation of an alternative crossbuck and yield sign configuration. (See Exhibits 2 through 5 attached.)
- 4. The October 23, 2003 completion date provided in the order entered by the Commission in the above captioned cause does not permit BNSF to select a test site, install the alternative crossbuck/yield sign configuration, evaluate the same and after consultation with the Railroad Section of the Commission proceed to install the remaining crossbuck/yield sign installations by the October 23, 2003 date. BNSF reasonably believes that an additional nine (9) months, to and including July 23, 2004 will be necessary in order to complete the aforesaid test site evaluation and subsequent crossbuck / yield sign installation process.
- 5. BNSF's supplemental petition herein is not made for the purpose of delay but is made necessary to permit the parties to better evaluate the type of

crossbuck/yield sign configuration that would be most effective in maintaining public safety.

Wherefore, supplemental petitioner, The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company prays that the Illinois Commerce Commission enter a supplemental order granting The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company additional time, to and including July 23, 2004 in which to complete the work required by the order entered by the Illinois Commerce Commission in the above captioned cause.

> THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY

Cheryl Townlian

KENNETH J. WYSOGLAD & ASSOCIATES

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VERIFICATION

Cheryl Townlian, being first duly sworn, deposes and states that she is Manager of Public Projects for The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, supplemental petitioner herein; that she is duly authorized by said railroad company to sign, verify and file the foregoing supplemental petition; and that the matters set forth in said supplemental petition are true and correct to the best of her knowledge, information and belief.

Cheryl Townlian

Manager, Public Projects

Subscribed to and sworn to

before me this Lucy 29

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Notary Public

J. ALLEN KUHN Greene County My Commission Expires February 24, 2003

ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company; State of Illinois, Department of Transportation

Stipulated Agreement regarding improving public safety at selected Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company public highway-railroad grade crossings located in Illinois by renewal of crossbuck signs and the installation of yield signs.

T02-0092

<u>ORDER</u>

By the Commission:

On July 29, 2002, the Illinois Commerce Commission ("Commission") Transportation Division, Railroad Section, initiated the Stipulated Agreement procedure to improve public safety at certain public highway-railroad grade crossings of The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company ("Company") located in Illinois by the renewal of crossbuck signs and the installation of yield signs.

On August 6, 2002, September 3, 2002 and September 10, 2002, the staff of the Commission, the Company and the Illinois Department of Transportation ("Department") respectively, executed the Stipulated Agreement according to the provisions of Section 18c-7401 of the Illinois Commercial Transportation Law concerning the proposed safety improvements. The Stipulated Agreement contains an estimate of cost to accomplish the improvements and a division of cost among the parties and the Grade Crossing Protection Fund ("GCPF" or "Fund") of the Motor Fuel Tax Law.

The Commission, having given due consideration to the Stipulated Agreement and being fully advised in the premises, finds that:

- (1) the Commission has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this proceeding;
- (2) a list of the Company's 140 public highway-railroad grade crossings subject of this proceeding is attached as Exhibit A of the Stipulated Agreement appended hereto;
- (3) the parties agree that in the interest of public safety the improvements as set forth in Section 2 of the Stipulated Agreement, appended hereto, should be performed;

EXHIBIT 4

- (4) the cost for the proposed improvements should be divided among the parties and the GCPF of the Motor Fuel Tax Law, in accordance with the Law;
- (5) it is fair and reasonable that the Secretary of the Illinois Department of Transportation through the GCPF of the Motor Fuel Tax Law and the Company should be directed to bear their respective portions of the cost of the proposed improvements as set forth in Section 5 of the Stipulated Agreement appended hereto;
- (6) all bills for expenditures should be submitted to the Department as set forth in Section 6 of the Stipulated Agreement appended hereto; the final bill for expenditures from the Company should be clearly marked "Final Bill"; all bills should be submitted to the Department no later than twenty-four (24) months from the date of this Order; authorization for reimbursement from the Grade Crossing Protection Fund should expire twelve (12) months after the completion date specified in this Order; the Department should, at the end of the 24th month from the Commission's Order date, de-obligate all residual GCPF monies accountable for installation costs for this project;
- (7) the Company should file a written report within six (6) months from the date of this Order, with the Director of Processing and Information of the Commission's Transportation Division, stating the progress it has made toward completion of its work herein required; the report should include the name, title, mailing address, phone number and facsimile number of the employee responsible for management of this project, and additional information set forth in Section 4 and Section 6 of the Stipulated Agreement appended hereto;
- (8) at those crossings where stop signs now exist at the crossings, the Company should remove said signs upon installation of the new crossbuck and yield signs unless the stop sign(s) provides a dual-purpose to stop motorists at the crossing and at an adjacent highway intersection; where said dual-purpose stop sign(s) exists, if any, the yield sign(s) should not be installed and the stop sign(s) should be retained;
- (9) 625 ILCS 5/18c-1701 and 1704 require each "person", as defined by Section 18c-1104, to comply with every regulation or order of the Commission. These sections further provide that any person who fails to comply with a Commission regulation or order shall forfeit to the state not more than \$1,000 for each such failure, with each day's continuance of the violation being considered a separate offense. While the Commission expects all parties to comply with this Order in all matters addressed herein and in a timely manner, the Commission advises that any failure to comply may result in the assessment of such sanctions.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the terms of the Stipulated Agreement, appended hereto, executed by staff of the Commission, The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company and the Illinois Department of Transportation on August 6, 2002, September 3, 2002 and September 10, 2002, respectively, be and they are hereby required to be met by the aforesaid parties.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Company be, and it is hereby required and directed to proceed immediately in performing the improvements as set forth in Section 2 of the Stipulated Agreement, appended hereto, and shall thereafter maintain same. The Company shall complete the work within twelve (12) months from the date of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that at those crossings where stop signs now exist at the crossings, the Company shall remove said signs upon installation of the new crossbuck and yield signs unless the stop sign(s) provides a dual-purpose to stop motorists at the crossing and at an adjacent highway intersection. Where said dual-purpose stop sign(s) exists, if any, the yield sign(s) shall not be installed and the stop sign(s) shall be retained.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the cost of making the improvements hereinbefore required shall be divided among the parties and the Grade Crossing Protection Fund of the Motor Fuel Tax Law as set forth in Section 5 of the Stipulated Agreement appended hereto.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all bills for expenditures shall be submitted to the Department as set forth in Section 6 of the Stipulated Agreement appended hereto, and that the final bill for expenditures from the Company shall be clearly marked "Final Bill".

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that authorization for reimbursement from the Grade Crossing Protection Fund shall expire 12 months after the completion date specified in this Order. The Department shall, at the end of the 24th month from the Order date, de-obligate all residual GCPF monies accountable for installation costs for this project.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Company, within six (6) months from the date of this Order, shall submit a written report with the Director of Processing and Information, of the Commission's Transportation Division, stating the progress it has made toward completion of its work herein required. The report shall include the Commission Order Number, the Order date, the project completion date as noted in the Order, crossing information (Inventory Numbers and Railroad Mileposts), type of improvement, and project manager information (the name, title, mailing address, phone number and facsimile number of the employee responsible for management of this project.) The report shall also include the status of expenditures of the total project and percentage of completion of the project. If the project is behind schedule, the report must include a brief explanation of the reason(s) for the delay.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Company shall submit to the Director of Processing and Information, Transportation Division of the Commission within five (5) days of the completion of the work herein required of it, U.S. DOT Crossing Inventory Form (6180.71), one for each crossing, as written notice of said completion.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any person making a Request For Extension Of Time up to 30 days to complete a project ordered by the Commission must file a request with the Director of Processing and Information no later than 14 days in advance of the scheduled deadline. An Administrative Law Judge will consider and decide the request.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any person requesting an extension of time that exceeds 30 days must file a Petition For Supplemental Order with the Director of Processing and Information no later than 21 days in advance of the scheduled deadline. The Commission will decide Petitions For Supplemental Orders.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Requests For Extension Of Time and Petitions For Supplemental Orders must include the reason(s) the additional time is needed to complete the work and the time within which the project will be completed. Prior to submitting a Request For Extension Of Time or a Petition For Supplemental Order, the person must notify the Commission's Rail Safety Program Administrator that it is unable to complete the project within the ordered timeframe.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Commission or its Administrative Law Judge reserves the right to deny Petitions For Supplemental Orders and Requests For Extension Of Time, if the reason(s) supporting the request is insufficient or where it appears the person has not made a good faith effort to complete the project within the allotted time. Failure of the Commission or Administrative Law Judge to act on a pleading prior to the deadline means the originally ordered completion date remains in effect.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, subject to Sections 18c-2201 and 18c-2206 of the Law, this is the final decision subject to the Administrative Review Law.

By Order of the Commission this 23rd day of October, 2002.

Chairman

Herin St. Wright

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ORDERS SUPERVISOR

ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

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STIPULATED AGREEMENT

This agreement made and entered into, by and between the State of Illinois acting by and through the Illinois Commerce Commission, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission", The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, hereinafter referred to as the "Company" and the State of Illinois, Department of Transportation, hereinafter referred to as the "Department".

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Commission staff has initiated this public safety project to renew the existing crossbuck signs and install yield signs at each of the Company's public grade crossings listed on Exhibit A attached hereto;

WHEREAS, the parties are mutually agreeable to accomplish the proposed improvements upon a determination of the Commission by Order.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and of the mutual covenants and agreements as hereinafter contained the parties pray that the Commission enter an Order according to the provisions of Section 18c-7401 of the Illinois Commercial Transportation Law requiring that certain improvements as hereinafter stated be made and that the cost for the proposed improvements be divided among the parties according to law and that the Grade Crossing Protection Fund of the Motor Fuel Tax Law be required to bear a substantial portion of the cost; To Wit the parties agree as follows:

<u>Section 1</u> All improvements encompassed by this agreement shall be made in accordance with all applicable State laws, rules, standards, regulations and orders and procedures in general.

Section 2 The parties are of the opinion that the following improvements should be performed in the interest of public safety at those crossings listed on Exhibit A attached hereto:

(a) the renewal of the existing crossbuck signs in accordance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) and installation of yield signs (R1-2) mounted on the crossbuck sign posts as indicated on Exhibit C attached hereto; the signs should not be installed at those crossings that are closed by Order of the Commission and at those crossings where automatic warning devices are installed and in service prior to the completion date set forth in this Agreement:

Section 3 The Company has prepared a detailed estimate of cost to accomplish the proposed improvements; said estimate is attached as Exhibit B.

<u>Section 4</u> The Company shall upon Order, according to the requirements contained therein, proceed toward the completion of the proposed improvements, accomplishing the work with its own forces or appropriate contracted services and agrees that an appropriate time for the submission of a progress report should be six (6) months from the Order date which shall include the status of expenditures of the total project and percentage of completion of the project; if the project is behind schedule the report must include a brief explanation of the reason(s) for the delay; the Company further agrees that the time for the completion of the proposed improvements should be twelve (12) months from the date of Commission Order subsequent to this agreement.

<u>Section 5</u> The parties hereto agree that an equitable division of cost for the proposed improvements should be:

a) the total cost to renew the crossbuck signs in accordance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) and install yield signs at the Company's 140 grade crossings listed on Exhibit A attached is estimated at \$211,400; 50% of this cost, in an amount not to exceed \$105,700, should be funded by the Grade Crossing Protection Fund ("Fund") with the remaining cost borne by the Company; the cost to maintain all of the new signs should be borne by the Company.

Section 6 Special Provisions. All bills for expenditures authorized to be reimbursed from the Grade Crossing Protection Fund shall be submitted to the Department as follows:

Illinois Department of Transportation Engineer of Local Roads and Streets Darrell McMurray, Bureau Chief, Attention: Henry Cronister, Sr. Room 205, 2300 South Dirksen Parkway Springfield, Illinois 62764

The final bill for expenditures shall be clearly marked "Final Bill". All bills shall be submitted to the Department no later than twenty-four (24) months from the date of Commission Order subsequent to this agreement. Authorization for reimbursement from the Grade Crossing Protection Fund shall expire twelve (12) months after the completion date specified in the Order. The Department shall, at the end of the 24th month from the Commission's Order date, de-obligate all residual funds accountable for installation costs for this project.

Progress billing will be based upon the work performed during the billing period. Progress payment for material will be based on the actual cost of material purchased and received by the Company during the billing period. Progress payment for labor costs will be based upon the number of crossings completed by the Company during the billing period.

The Company shall file its progress report within six (6) months from the Commission Order subsequent to this agreement with the Director of Processi Information of the Commission's Transportation Division. The report shall include Commission Order Number, the Order Date, the project completion date as note Order, crossing information (Inventory Numbers and Railroad Mileposts), improvement, and project manager information (name, title, mailing address number and facsimile number of the employee responsible for management project.)

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Section 7 This agreement shall be binding upon the parties hereto, their sure or assigns. Upon execution of this agreement by all parties, the Commission s an appropriate Order, within 60 days accepting or rejecting such stipulation accepting provisions contained herein.

In Witness Whereof, the parties have caused this agreement to be executed by authorized officers, as of the dates indicated herein.

Executed by the Commission this day of August, 2002

Michael E. Stead Rail Safety Program Administrator

Rail Safety Section
Transportation Division

Illinois Commerce Commission Stipulated Agreement No. 1012 concerning renewal of crossbuck signs and installation of yield signs at selected Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company grade crossings located in Illinois.

Executed by The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company this 3 day of 3002.

Attest:

Illinois Commerce Commission Stipulated Agreement No. 1012 concerning renewal of crossbuck signs and installation of yield signs at selected Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company grade crossings located in Illinois.

Executed by the Department this 10th day of September, 2002.

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079208K	BNSF	Α	166.20	Pub-AtGrade	GALES-PJCT	KNOX	Near	GALESBURG		IR18A	Crossbucks
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136	136 079750G	BNSF /	4	138.18 F	138.18 Pub-AtGrade	AURORA-GALES	HENRY	Near	GALVA	2150 E		Stop Sign (standard)
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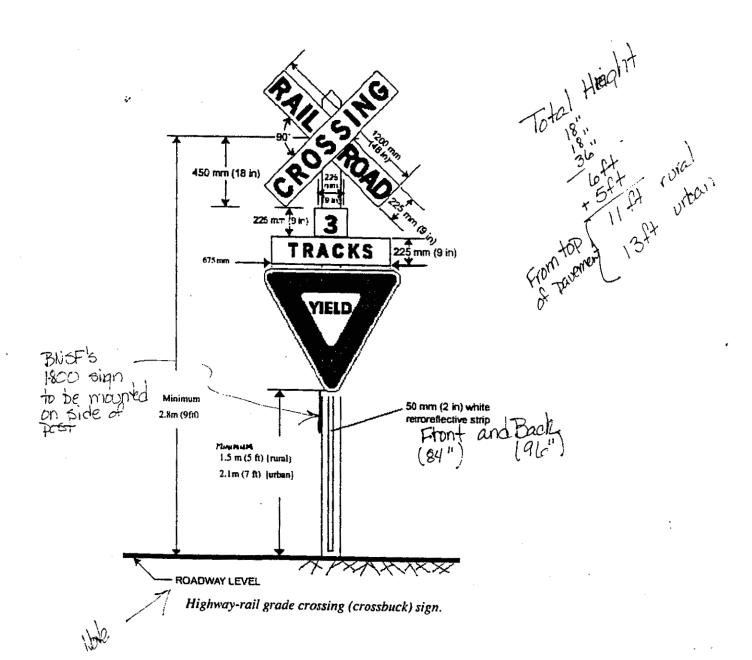
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April 30, 2003

Michael E. Stead Railroad Safety Program Administrator Illinois Commerce Commission 527 E. Capitol Avenue Springfield, IL 62701

Dear Mr. Stead:

This letter is in reference to the Illinois Commerce Commission Order T02-0092 dated October 23, 2003, regarding the renewal of crossbuck signs and the installation of yield signs. By this letter The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company is requesting to be relieved of the certain dimensional requirements of Exhibit C.

BNSF is requesting that an alternate design of the combination of the crossbuck and yield sign that would have the yield sign mounted on its own separate post. Following are the issues that resulted in us requesting this change:

- Causes us to vary from our standard post of 16 ft to a post 18 ft in length. This will be a special order item that creates difficulty in both obtaining and storing.
- Most of the 140 crossing locations will require us to use the 18-ft. post due to the multiple track situations.
- Current dual STOP sign locations in Illinois are mounted on separate post. By having them on separate post we would stay uniform with the other crossings in the State.
- Having the Yield sign on a separate post does not require any deviation from the MUTCD. All previous suggestions do require a variation from the MUTCD Standard.
- Lowering the Multiple track sign below the Yield sign significantly detracts from the MUTCD and would require us to lower our 1-800 to a position on the post of about 3 ft which would no longer be visible to the driver in case of an emergency.
- The crossbuck sign will be much higher than the 9-ft. suggested by the MUTCD.
- Another alternative is to treat the Stop or Yield Sign as the auxiliary sign not the primary sign that will, by the MUTCD, allow the yield sign to be placed lower on the post.
- BNSF is still interested in trying to find a way to include Federal Section 130 dollars into this program.

AT this point BNSF is concerned that if resolution to this matter is not made quickly an extension of time will be required. Your prompt consideration of this request would be appreciated and if you need additional information, please contact me at the above number.

EXHIBIT 2

Yours very truly,

Cheryl Townlian

Cc: John Blair - ICC Spencer Arndt - BNSF RR Doug Werner - BNSF RR Lyn Hartley - BNSF RR



ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION TRANSPORTATION DIVISION / RAIL SAFETY SECTION

Michael E. Stead

Rail Safety Program Administrator

May 20, 2003

Mrs. Cheryl L. Townlian Manager of Public Projects Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Co. 3253 E. Chestnut Expressway Springfield, MO 65802

Dear Mrs. Townlian:

This has reference to your letter dated April 30, 2003, concerning The Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Company's request to modify the configuration of the new Crossbuck and Yield sign assemblies as required under the terms of Illinois Commerce Commission Order T02-0092.

This office has reviewed your company's request and finds that it is not the preferred method of installation as recommended in the National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) Report 470. The Crossbuck and Yield sign pilot improvement project Ordered by the Commission is based on NCHRP Report 470. Therefore, we believe the Crossbuck and Yield signs should be configured as indicated on Exhibit C attached to the Commission's Order. Concerning the use of 18-foot posts to install the new Crossbuck and Yield signs, we believe the safety benefits to the motoring public of this project outweigh those concerns indicated in your letter.

I trust this information will be helpful. If you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact John Blair, Assistant Rail Safety Program Administrator, at (217) 85-8421 or jblair@icc.state.il.us.

Very truly yours,

Michael E. Stead

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June 11, 2003

Michael E. Stead Illinois Commerce Commission 527 E. Capitol Avenue Springfield, IL 62701

Dear Mr. Stead,

Regarding your letter dated May 20, 2003 concerning the configuration the new Crossbuck and Yield sign assemblies as required under the terms of the Illinois commerce Commission Order T02-0092.

Based on our continued concerns on the visibility of the crossbuck sign with attached Yield and multiple track signs, BNSF would like to suggest that we install a test location in which the proposed configuration can be viewed, a suggestion that was previously discussed with Mr. John Blair of the ICC. Once the test location has been installed a joint diagnostic could then be conducted viewing the crossing at both daylight and dark to determine its effectiveness.

If this proposal is acceptable to you please let me know so that I may make arrangements for a location and installation. If you have any question or need additional information please feel to give me a call.

Yours very truly,

Cheryl Townlian

Cc: Spencer Arndt Doug Werner



ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION TRANSPORTATION DIVISION / RAIL SAFETY SECTION

Michael E. Stead

Rail Safety Program Administrator

June 26, 2003

Mrs. Cheryl Townlian Manager of Public Projects Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Company 3253 E. Chestnut Expressway Springfield, MO 65802

Dear Mrs. Townlian:

This is in response to your letter dated June 11, 2003, with which you requested this office's concurrence on a suggestion to install a proposed configuration for new Crossbuck and YIELD sign assemblies at a test location. Your company is proposing the test configuration as an alternative to the sign configuration required under the terms of Illinois Commerce Commission Order T02-0092.

This office has no objection to the BNSF installing the alternate Crossbuck and YIELD sign configuration at a <u>multiple track crossing</u> test location. We believe the original sign configuration, as authorized by Commission Order T02-0092, should remain in effect for single-track crossing locations.

It is my understanding that you have already discussed this issue with John Blair, Assistant Rail Safety Program Administrator. Please continue to coordinate with Mr. Blair the installation of an alternate Crossbuck and YIELD sign configuration at a multiple track crossing. In addition, please continue to submit progress reports on the status of new sign installations at single-track crossings as directed by Order T02-0092.

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact John Blair, Assistant Rail Safety Program Administrator, at (217) 785-8421 or iblair@icc.state.il.us.

Very truly yours,

Michael E. Stead

Rail Safety Program Administrator

cc: Paul Nowicki, BNSF

EXHIBIT 5

PROOF OF SERVICE

Michael L.	Sazdanoff, being	first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says that on the
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copy of SUPPLE	MENTAL PETITIC	ON upon:

Mr. Michael Stead Rail Safety Program Administrator Illinois Commerce Commission 527 E. Capitol Avenue Springfield, IL 62701

Mr. James L. Easterly
Division of Highways
Illinois Department of Transportation
2300 S. Dirksen Pkwy, Suite 300
Springfield, IL 62764

by depositing same in the U.S. Mail depository located at Adams and Clinton Streets, Chicago, Illinois in an envelope(s) with first-class postage, prepaid.

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